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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  |                           | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER  |
| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |                           | <b>ABOU SALEH1</b><br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/505261</b> |
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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE | PRIORITY CLAIMED  |
| <b>PCT/FR03/00457</b>  | <b>February 13, 2003</b>  | <b>February 25, 2002</b>  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION   |                           |   |
| <b>AUTOMATIC PRECISION PIPETTING DEVICE</b>  |                           |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  |                           |   |
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| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |                           |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected in a Demand by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |                           |   |
| <b>Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.             <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy copy of the first page of the International Publication (WO 03/073108 A1).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report. There were no annexes.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal drawings, 5 sheets, Figures 1-8.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy Copy of the International Search Report.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The application is (or will be) assigned to: Stago Instruments<br/>whose address is 125 Avenue Louis Roche, 92230 Gennevilliers, France.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>  |                           |   |

